

WHEREAS, "Winter Safety Awareness Week" provides the opportunity for Ohioans to prepare their homes, schools, vehicles, businesses, and organizations for the upcoming months of winter weather and conditions such as snow and ice storms; flooding from rapid snow melts; extended power outages; and contagious or infectious diseases such as colds, influenza, or variants of coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans are encouraged to prepare for the potential hardship of winter by updating their disaster preparedness kits, emergency plans, and emergency contact lists; knowing where to get reliable, accurate, and timely emergency communications; investing in alternative heating sources and portable generators, and following the manufacturer's directions when in use; updating their flood insurance policies; ensuring medical prescriptions and vaccinations are current; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is committed to educating the public on severe weather safety and preparedness since 1978; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's news media, state and local governments, and educators continue their partnership to inform and educate Ohioans about actions they can take to prepare for, respond to, and recover from severe winter weather events, to include actions to take to prevent the spread of contagious diseases such as influenza and COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, all Ohioans are encouraged to make severe weather safety and preparedness a priority and ensure that their homes, neighbors, and communities are ready for winter-related incidents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize November 13-19, 2022 as

WINTER SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

on this 13th day of November 2022.

Mike DeWine Governor Jon Husted Lieutenant Governor